

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Johann WEINERT

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For: COMPRESSIBLE POLYURETHANE LAYER AND PROCESS  
FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please CANCEL claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD the following new claims 8-14:

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8. A compressible polyurethane layer having outer and inner surfaces on or for rotation-symmetrical bodies, characterized in that said polyurethane layer contains expanded and/or non-expanded but expandable thermoplastic hollow spheres.
  9. The polyurethane layer according to claim 8, characterized in that said hollow spheres consist of an acrylate/vinylidene fluoride copolymer.